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In the Drawings

Please replace originally filed drawing Sheet No. 5, which is attached as Exhibit B to this Response. FIG. 8 has been amended to replace reference no. "70" with -- 72 --. A marked-up copy of FIG. 8 showing the change made in red is attached as Exhibit A to this Response.

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REMARKS

In response to the Office action mailed April 4, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. For the reasons set forth below, the application as presented is believed to be in allowable condition.

The specification is amended to update information on the related patent applications identified on page 1, lines 5-11.

Regarding the objection to FIGS. 6 and 10, the web is schematically illustrated by a series of arrows 72, which extend from the roll of paper 64 and the take-up roller 66. Thus, Applicants submit that the web of material is accurately depicted by arrow 72. Regarding the objection to FIG. 8, Applicants have replaced numeral “70” with -- 72 --. For the same reasons stated above, arrow 72 accurately depicts the schematic representation of web material. Reconsideration of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 18 and 20 are amended. Claims 2-4 and 10-17 are canceled. New claims 22-25 are added. Thus, claims 1, 5-9 and 18-25 remain pending after entry of this Response.

Applicants acknowledge the indication by the Examiner in the Office action of the allowable subject matter contained in claims 4-8 and 12-16. Claim 1 is amended to substantially include the subject matter of canceled claim 4 and its intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 1 is submitted as patentable over the prior art of record. Claims 5-9, which depend directly or indirectly from claim 1, are submitted as being patentable for the same reasons given for claim 1.

Claim 18, which is directed to a method for changing a roll of material within a quick-change material module of a stencil wiper assembly, is amended to include the method step of pivoting the supply roller **via a pivot arm pivotably coupled to the supply roller**. Based on the Examiner’s statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter in the Office action, Applicants submit that claim 18 is in condition for allowance. Claim 19, which depends from claim 18, is submitted as being patentable for the same reasons given for claim 18.

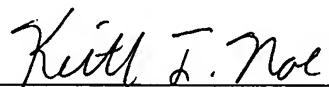
Claim 20, which is directed to a stencil printer having a quick-change module, is amended in the same manner as claim 1, and is therefore considered to be patentable for the same reasons given for claim 1. Claims 21-25, which depend directly or indirectly from claim 20, is submitted as being patentable for the same reasons given for claim 20.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the application is believed to be in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the application, he is invited to contact the Applicants' Attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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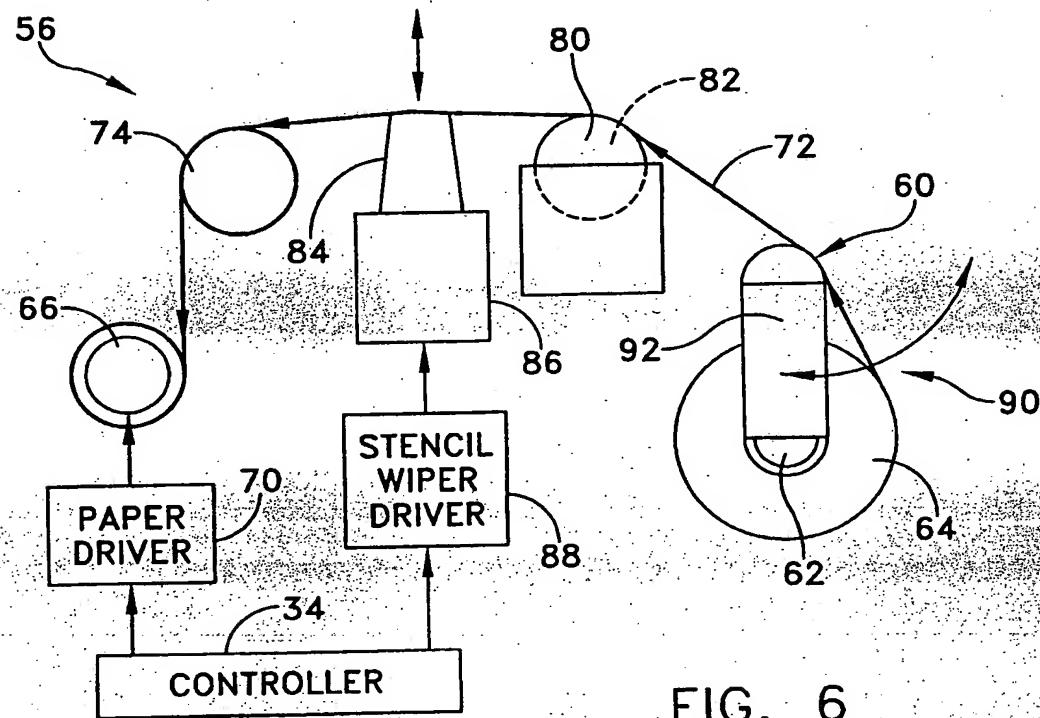


FIG. 6

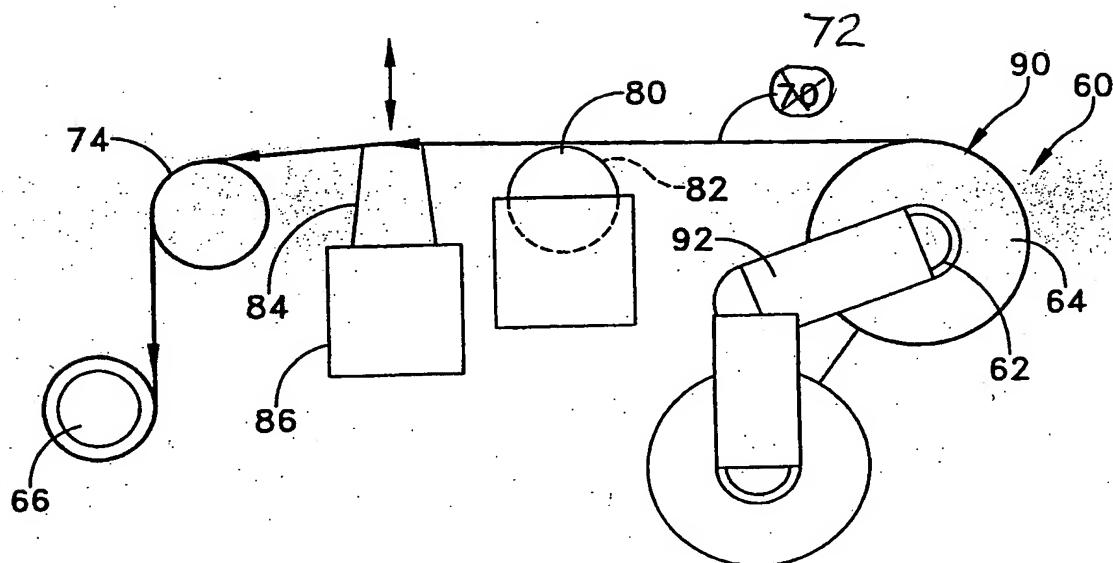


FIG. 8